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March 6, 2002

The Honorable Greg Walden United States House of Representatives 1404 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

## Dear Representative Walden:

We are writing on behalf of the over 35,000 members of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) to express our support for H.R. 2829, the "Sound Science for Endangered Species Planning Act." This important legislation that you introduced last year is even more timely given the release of recent reports concerning the mishandling of the ESA-related events in the Klamath Basin. ICSC strongly supports this bill that would ensure quality scientific data, having undergone a rigorous peerreview analysis, are used in the listing and de-listing processes of the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Current ESA law requires the criteria of "best available data" in the determination of listing/de-listing a species. Unfortunately, no clear, concise definition of the term is provided in the ESA or its implementing regulations and legislation. In addition, there is a significant lack of data analysis currently employed as part of the decision making process. The ESA needs to be updated and improved so that it functions equitably and scientifically. It is time to fully utilize "good" science as a fundamental criterion of ESA determinations, and H.R. 2829 ensures sound science will become a more vital characteristic of the ESA.

ICSC strongly supports H.R. 2829 and views its as a timely and much-needed legislative effort to improve the decision-making process and strengthen the scientific foundation of the ESA. Please feel free to contact William Hoffman at (703) 549-7404 with any questions or for further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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